Unification of naxalite organisations

†3448. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that efforts are being made for unification of various naxalite organisations in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government have any information in this regard;

(c) what steps have been taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard; and

(d) the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK) : (a) and (b) As per available information Maoist Communist Centre (MCC) and Revolutinary Communist Centre of India-Maoist (RCCI-M) have agreed to merge into a single entity to be christened as the Maoist Communist Centre of India (MCC-I). There are also reports of the two predominant Indian naxalite outfits, the CPML-People's War (PW) and the erstwhile MCC having entered into dialogue for merger of the two outfits.

(c) and (d) Keeping in view the overall dimensions of left wing extremist activities in some States, Coordination Centre, headed by the Union Home Secretary regularly reviews and coordinates steps taken by the LWE affected States to check left wing extremist activities.

The Central Government also provides financial assistance and deploys CPMFs in combating left wing extremism.

Besides, the Central Government has notified PWG, MCC and their front organizations under POTA 2002.

Amendment in POTA

†3449. DR. PRABHA THAKUR : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have drastic outlines for making amendment in POTA;

(b) the nature and basis of the said outlines; and

(c) by when Government propose to bring this amendment?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK) : (a) to (c) There is no proposal to amend the Prevention of Terrorism Act, 2002, at present.

Deaths of police constables

3450. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that deaths of police constables are on increasing side due to ill-treatment given to them by their superiors;

(b) whether it is a fact that there are deaths of police constables due to mental torture; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI) : (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise, in view of (a) above.

Need to amend Human Rights Act

3451. SHRIMATI SHABANA AZAMI :

DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Chairman of the National Human Rights Commission has conveyed to Government that there is a need to amend the Human Rights Act;

(b) if so, whether he has felt that NHRC must have the power to get its order implemented instead of having to move the apex court for it;

(c) whether Government have considered his view; and

(d) if so, by when they are likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK) : (a) to (d) The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has suggested certain amendments to the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993 for enhancement of powers of the Commission. The Government has initiated action in the matter. No proposal for grant of powers of enforcement to NHRC instead of having to move the apex court have been received from NHRC.